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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 54/19 B, the 2011 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment was convened from 17 to 28 January 2011 to conduct a comprehensive review of reimbursement rates and to update the major equipment, self-sustainment and medical support services categories.

The 2011 Working Group comprised 354 technical, financial and medical experts from 95 Member States and successfully carried out a comprehensive review of contingent-owned equipment reimbursement rates. In its report (A/C.5/65/16), the 2011 Working Group proposed new definitions and new reimbursement rates for the categories of major equipment, self-sustainment and medical support services.

The present report sets out the cost implications of implementing the recommendations of the 2011 Working Group. Should the General Assembly approve, with effect from 1 July 2011, the recommendations of the 2011 Working Group, additional resource requirements estimated in the total amount of $16.3 million would be reported in the context of financial performance reports for individual peacekeeping operations for the 2011/12 period, at which time additional appropriations might be sought from the General Assembly, if necessary.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly is set out in chapter IV of the present report.

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I. Introduction

1. In its report dated 28 January 2000 (A/C.5/54/49), the Phase V Working Group on reform procedures for determining reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment recommended formats for the collection and consolidation of national cost data from Member States for a comprehensive review, and the application of a new average index for each category based on national cost data submitted by Member States, to determine the new reimbursement rates. By its resolution 54/19 B, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Phase V Working Group.

2. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 54/19 B, the Secretary-General convened the 2011 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment for not less than 10 working days to carry out a comprehensive review of the contingent-owned equipment system and reimbursement rates, in accordance with the formats established by the Phase V Working Group.

3. The preparations for the meetings of the 2011 Working Group started in December 2008 with a request by the Secretariat for national cost data from Member States for a comprehensive review of contingent-owned equipment (COE) reimbursement rates, using 2009 as a base year. In October 2010, the Secretariat invited Member States to participate in the meetings of the 2011 Working Group, and distributed consolidated national cost data from 48 Member States and 26 issue papers from 9 Member States. Updated national cost data from 50 Member States, 33 issue papers from 10 Member States and 13 issue papers from the Secretariat were distributed to Member States in December 2010. The Secretariat provided a comprehensive briefing to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the preparations for the meetings of the 2011 Working Group in January, July and November 2010.

4. The 2011 Working Group met in New York from 17 to 28 January 2011 to conduct a comprehensive review of reimbursement rates for major equipment, self-sustainment and medical support services, and to review the COE system. The Chair of the 2011 Working Group transmitted its report (A/C.5/65/16) to the Fifth Committee. The report of the 2011 Working Group and its annexes should be read in conjunction with the present report.

II. Summary of proposals and recommendations

A. Comprehensive review of contingent-owned equipment reimbursement rates for major equipment, self-sustainment and medical support services: financial impact of the recommendations of the 2011 Working Group

1. Increase in reimbursement rates

5. The 2011 Working Group conducted a comprehensive review of reimbursement rates for major equipment, self-sustainment and medical support services on the basis of the statistical model established by the Phase V Working Group. The 2011 Working Group recommended revised rates for major equipment, self-sustainment and medical support services (see A/C.5/65/16, annexes 1.1, 2 and 5.1).

6. The overall impact of all changes in reimbursement rates will result in an increase of approximately 1.7 per cent in the major equipment portion of the United Nations peacekeeping budget and an increase of approximately 1.8 per cent in the self-sustainment portion of the peacekeeping budget based on draft and signed memorandums of understanding (MOUs) as at 1 March 2011. The aforementioned overall increase is due to the recommended net average increase of 1.3 per cent for major equipment reimbursement rates, including medical equipment, and 2.1 per cent for self-sustainment reimbursement rates, including medical categories. Those increases will have an impact on the annual peacekeeping budget of $15.6 million (see annex II).

2. Revision of special case reimbursement rates

7. The 2011 Working Group recommended that special case reimbursement rates be reviewed during each triennial Working Group meeting. The revision of special case reimbursement rates should be linked to the average revision in major equipment rates recommended by the Working Group. Chapter 5 of the COE Manual should be amended by adding a new paragraph 11 and revising paragraph 9 (b) to reflect this recommendation. The Secretariat welcomes this recommendation, as it will result in a consistent methodology for revision and calculation of reimbursement rates for special case equipment items. The implementation of this recommendation will entail an annual cost of $206,129 (see annex II).

3. Addition of portable X-ray machines to level II hospitals

8. The 2011 Working Group recommended the addition of one portable X-ray machine to the major equipment list of level II hospitals. The Secretariat supports this recommendation, as portable X-ray machines are essential equipment in level II hospitals. The annual wet lease cost of one portable X-ray machine is $11,745. The financial implication of implementing this recommendation is $187,920 per annum (see annex II), assuming that one portable X-ray machine will be deployed as mandatory equipment to all level II hospitals. (Note: at the time of the 2011 Working Group meetings, there were 16 level II hospitals deployed in field missions.)

4. Addition of ultrasound machines to level II hospitals and CT scanners as special case equipment for level III hospitals

9. The 2011 Working Group recommended the addition of one ultrasound machine to the major equipment list of level II hospitals. It also recommended that CT scanners be treated as special case equipment instead of optional equipment in level III hospitals. The Secretariat welcomes this recommendation as the extended investigative radiological capability of ultrasound machines is considered essential to level II hospitals. The Secretariat also supports the recommendation that the deployment of CT scanners should be determined based on operational requirements and treated as a special case for the purpose of reimbursement.

10. The annual wet lease cost of one ultrasound machine is $7,830. The financial implication of implementing this recommendation is $125,280 per annum (see annex II), assuming that one ultrasound machine will be deployed as mandatory equipment to all level II hospitals. (Note: at the time of the 2011 Working Group meetings, there were 16 level II hospitals deployed in field missions.) The financial implications of deploying CT scanners as special case equipment to level III

hospitals could not be determined at this point as the reimbursement rate of special case equipment will be determined upon submission in the future by troop/police-contributing countries of the information required, e.g., generic fair market value, estimated useful life and estimated monthly maintenance costs of special case equipment.

5. Additional capability modules for level II hospitals

11. The 2011 Working Group recommended that when required, orthopaedic modules, gynaecology modules and additional internal medicine modules should be added to level II hospitals as additional capabilities (see A/C.5/65/16, annex 6). The Working Group discussed the additional diagnostic imaging module and decided that further definition of the module should be addressed at a later stage.

12. The Secretariat welcomes this recommendation. Additional capability modules for level II hospitals are developed in an overall modular medical support concept which was adopted by the General Assembly in 2008. They will enhance the medical support facilities of level II hospitals to better meet the demand for support in field missions. To implement this recommendation, specialized personnel and equipment will be required (see A/C.5/65/16, annex 6). The annual wet lease costs of equipment for an orthopaedic module and a gynaecology module are $15,000 and $2,832 respectively. There is no equipment required for the additional internal medicine module. Accordingly, the financial implications of deploying an orthopaedic module and a gynaecology module are $120,000 per annum and $22,656 per annum respectively (see annex II), assuming that an orthopaedic module and a gynaecology module will be deployed to 50 per cent of level II hospitals, based on operational requirements.

B. Contingent-owned equipment system

1. List of "special cases" and recommended additional standard reimbursement rates for major equipment

13. The 2011 Working Group recommended that annex A to chapter 8 of the COE Manual be revised and a list of approved special cases be established, including all special cases suggested by the Secretariat or used in three or more peacekeeping missions or by two or more troop/police-contributing countries (see A/C.5/65, annex 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4). It also recommended a generic fair market value and a standard reimbursement rate for each approved special case of major equipment (see A/C.5/65, annex 3.1). The Working Group reiterated that when a generic rate already exists for major equipment, no special case should be created for similar items. It recommended that new text be added at the end of paragraph 5 of chapter 5 of the COE Manual: "If a special case item still in process is categorized in the COE Manual as major equipment, this item should no longer be regarded as special case". It also recommended that the Secretariat provide a list of special case items that should be included as additional major equipment prior to the next Working Group being convened.

14. The Secretariat supports the recommendations of the Working Group, given that special cases frequently cause delays in the negotiation of MOUs and the reimbursement process. The Secretariat will reflect the amendments in chapters 5

and 8 of the COE Manual and prepare a list of special cases that should have a standard reimbursement rate for presentation to the next Working Group for its review.

2. Reclassification of major equipment deployed in field missions

15. The 2011 Working Group recommended that the COE verification team in the field may forward any observation to the Secretariat but has no prerogative to change the classification of major equipment agreed upon by the Secretariat and troop/police-contributing countries in the MOU. Those countries and the Secretariat should undertake any dispute resolution through bilateral negotiations to resolve any issues that have arisen.

16. The Secretariat agrees with this recommendation and notes that the COE verification team should report actual equipment deployed, leaving the Secretariat and the troop/police-contributing countries to discuss possible amendments to the MOU.

3. Incorporation of letter of assist procedures in the Contingent-Owned Equipment Manual

17. The 2011 Working Group recommended a new text, to be included in annex A to chapter 4 of the COE Manual, providing a definition of a letter of assist (LOA) and describing its usage, general terms, conditions, etc. The Secretariat supports the recommendation of the Working Group. The incorporation of the LOA procedure into the COE Manual will provide more details and guidance to troop/police-contributing countries.

4. Reimbursement system for air assets including military utility helicopters

18. The 2011 Working Group recommended that the COE Manual should include the LOA provisions that the United Nations is responsible for the reimbursement of the cost of ammunition expended for training exercises and also that it is United Nations responsibility to provide a firing range in the mission area of responsibility or at a suitable alternative location, subject to a bilateral agreement between the Government in question and the United Nations. The Secretariat supports this recommendation.

5. Clarification of the Contingent-Owned Equipment Manual regarding United Nations responsibility for mission movement control

19. The 2011 Working Group recommended that the COE Manual and the generic guidelines for troop/police-contributing countries should be amended to reinforce, in paragraphs 12 and 14 of chapter 2 of the Manual, the fact that the United Nations is responsible for coordination and for providing guidance for all mission movement control operations. The Working Group also recommended that the costs associated with intra-mission transportation be absorbed by the missions, where there is a requirement to transport spare parts and consumables from authorized points of entry to a mission to other destinations within the mission area.

20. The Secretariat supports the recommendation of the Working Group, as it is expected that one unified point responsible for mission movement control will more effectively facilitate local cooperation with host nation authorities.

6. Permanent mission web module

21. The 2011 Working Group recommended that the permanent mission web module secure website be made available for use by troop/police-contributing countries not later than the end of 2011. The database should provide information to these countries regarding MOUs, LOAs, claims and other useful reports. The Working Group also recommended that access to the web portal data should be restricted to the national data of each troop/police-contributing country and ensure a high level of security.

22. The Secretariat supports the recommendation of the Working Group. The web module is currently under development by the Secretariat and will be available for use in 2011. This recommendation has no financial implication for the peacekeeping budget, as the module is being developed in house by existing Secretariat staff.

7. Compliance with international mine action standards

23. The 2011 Working Group recommended that a footnote be added to annex A to chapter 8 of the COE Manual to read "Demining and explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) equipment should be able to perform in compliance with international mine action standards".

24. The Secretariat welcomes the recommendation. Globally, the mine action community operates within those standards. Currently, there are no direct references in the COE Manual for demining and EOD equipment to comply with international mine action standards. The adoption of a commonly accepted set of standards will result in increased clearance capacity of troop/police-contributing countries.

8. Introduction of police armoured protected vehicles and police crowd control vehicles

25. The 2011 Working Group recommended that the definitions of a police armoured protected vehicle and of a police crowd control vehicle be added after paragraph 34 of annex A to chapter 3 of the COE Manual and establish generic fair market values and standard dry/wet lease reimbursement rates, including painting/repainting, for these two types of vehicle.

26. The Secretariat supports the recommendation of the Working Group, as the armoured vehicles and personnel carriers operationally required by formed police units are different from the military unit requirements reflected in the 2008 COE Manual.

9. Concepts of consumables and excessive costs in using major equipment

27. The 2011 Working Group recommended that excessive costs incurred by troop/police-contributing countries for materials and minor equipment, which is not a part of the MOU reimbursement, should be incorporated in an LOA to ensure a fair reimbursement.

28. The Secretariat supports the recommendation of the Working Group. In some field missions, troop/police-contributing countries have deployed specialized major equipment under wet lease, such as well-drilling rigs, the normal operation of which requires some associated costly minor equipment and consumables to be left "in the ground" in order to complete drilling tasks. Therefore, these costs should be

specified and compensated under a specific LOA to ensure fair reimbursement for troop/police-contributing countries.

10. Seat belts in commercial pattern vehicles

29. The 2011 Working Group recommended that all newly deployed commercial pattern vehicles brought to new and existing missions be equipped with standard seat belts. The Working Group also recommended that troop/police-contributing countries be encouraged to install standard seat belts for already deployed and unequipped commercial pattern vehicles at their own cost.

30. The Secretariat welcomes the recommendations of the Working Group. The implementation of these recommendations should help reduce the number of casualties and fatalities caused by accidents involving commercial pattern vehicles.

11. Repetition of results of the last self-sustainment verification report in case of internal redeployment

31. The 2011 Working Group recommended that text be reflected in paragraph 17 of chapter 3 of the COE Manual reading: "where a unit has to fully or partially redeploy within a mission area, the time of the next periodic inspection in the new location will be carried out on a date to be jointly determined by the mission and the unit authorities".

32. The Secretariat supports the recommendation of the Working Group. Troops and police who are redeployed within a mission area for operational reasons need to become self-sustaining within a reasonable agreed time frame in various self-sustainment categories in the new location.

12. Authorized accommodation to troops provided by the United Nations

33. The 2011 Working Group recommended the addition of a new text to annex B to chapter 3 of the COE Manual and the generic guidelines for troop-contributing countries to ensure that proper accommodation for aviation unit aircrews is provided by either the United Nations or troop/police-contributing countries. The Working Group recommended that pilots be provided with standard single room accommodation, and other aircrew be accommodated in shared rooms. The Secretariat welcomes this recommendation, as it will provide aircrew with sufficient accommodation space for proper rest to ensure safe conduct of flights.

34. The 2011 Working Group recommended that where a contingent is required to relocate its base camp for operational reasons, it may submit a claim to the United Nations for reimbursement of the extra and reasonable costs associated with reinstalling the self-sustainment services that are its responsibility (e.g. accommodation, tentage, field defence stores, Internet, catering, etc.) in the new location. It is recommended that chapters 2, 3 and 8 of the COE Manual be amended accordingly. The Secretariat welcomes this recommendation.

35. The Working Group also recommended that the United Nations intensify efforts to provide contingents with standardized hard-walled accommodation within the stipulated six months following initial deployment, as stated in the current COE Manual. The Secretariat supports this recommendation.

13. Clarification of minor engineering tasks under self-sustainment

36. The 2011 Working Group recommended that the proposed guidance document clarifying the responsibilities of the field mission and troop/police-contributing countries under "minor engineering" self-sustainment be added to all appropriate chapters of the COE Manual to specify United Nations responsibilities for minor engineering tasks with respect to the repair and maintenance of United Nations-owned equipment (UNOE). The Working Group also recommended that any variations or contingencies not covered by the proposed guidance document should be dealt with by the United Nations on a case-by-case basis.

37. The Secretariat supports the recommendations. Currently the delineation of responsibility between the United Nations and troop/police-contributing countries with regard to minor engineering is not clearly defined in the COE Manual.

14. Requirement for self-sustainment explosive ordnance disposal after the initial deployment

38. The 2011 Working Group recommended that the requirement for EOD self-sustainment be reviewed 18 months after forces deploy. At that point, if it is determined that any EOD threat could be dealt with at mission force level, troop/police-contributing countries would be reimbursed for six months after an official communication of this determination was made to their contingents.

39. The Secretariat welcomes the recommendation. Once accommodation areas are secured and cleared of any explosive ordnance, the responsibility for EOD could be transferred to a force level engineering unit to secure the entire camp area.

15. Split laundry and cleaning self-sustainment category

40. The 2011 Working Group recommended that chapters 3 and 8 of the COE Manual be amended to split laundry and cleaning into two distinct categories using the following rates: 40 per cent for laundry at $9.00 per person per month; and 60 per cent for cleaning at $13.51 per person per month, as interim rates. The Working Group also recommended that the agreed interim rates be reviewed after three years, utilizing the newly collected data.

41. The Secretariat supports these recommendations. Currently laundry and cleaning are grouped in the same self-sustainment category with a rate of $22.51 per person per month. However, laundry and cleaning are two distinct functions. Laundry refers to keeping clothing clean and tidy while cleaning refers to keeping installations and facilities clean and sanitized. They should be split and reimbursed separately.

16. Review of mission factors

42. The 2011 Working Group recommended that the Secretariat conduct a comprehensive review of mission factors to optimize their full utilization within the existing mission factor ceilings and provide a progress report and development of options on an annual basis. The Working Group also recommended that different mission factors be calculated and applied to different geographic areas within a mission area and that the regions and mission factors be determined by a technical survey team and reviewed periodically.

43. The Secretariat welcomes the recommendations of the Working Group. Both the Secretariat and the Working Group recognized the need for a thorough evaluation of the existing mission factor decision process. It was noted that working conditions have changed significantly in some complex missions. It was also noted that there is a need for different mission factors in some big and complex missions with substantial differences in operating conditions and terrain profiles within the area of operations of the mission, such as the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). The implementation of this recommendation will ensure the validity and fairness of the application of mission factors in view of the current working conditions, size, complexity and different regional operating conditions within missions such as UNAMID and MONUSCO.

17. Obligatory review of mission factors after a natural disaster

44. The 2011 Working Group recommended that, following the occurrence of a natural disaster in a peacekeeping mission area, the United Nations should assess the situation and determine which mission factors should be re-evaluated in accordance with the prevailing conditions but within the ceilings of the existing mission factors. The possible changes in mission factors and reimbursement rates will be temporary and will be maintained only for the period that the United Nations recognizes the significantly changed circumstances.

45. The Secretariat supports the recommendations of the Working Group. Some troop/police-contributing countries deployed to a peacekeeping mission have been affected by a natural disaster and have statistics to show the increased operational costs that they have had to absorb as a result.

18. Special equipment for aviation contingents

46. The 2011 Working Group recommended that a recommended list of special equipment for aviation contingents be incorporated into the COE Manual and that special flight equipment under procedures applicable to major equipment as a special case item be reimbursed.

47. The Secretariat supports the recommendations of the 2011 Working Group. In order to conduct safe air operations, troop-contributing countries have to provide aircrew with special kit, including special clothes, shoes, helmet, etc. The implementation of the recommendations will standardize the reimbursement procedure for this special kit.

19. Requirement for high-frequency radio sets for air contingents

48. The 2011 Working Group recommended that the provision of specific types, numbers or capabilities of equipment needed to receive self-sustainment reimbursement be based on meeting the operational requirements as agreed between the United Nations and troop/police-contributing countries and reflected in the MOU. It is recommended that chapter 3 of the COE Manual be amended accordingly. The Secretariat supports the recommendation.

III. Conclusion

49. The Secretariat expresses its appreciation to the 2011 Working Group for the enormous task of carrying out a comprehensive review of large volumes of data and for the guidance it has provided. The proposed revised standards and procedures and other recommendations will benefit the Secretariat by improving the structure of the COE system and provide more transparent and enhanced verification tools.

50. The Secretariat requests Member States to submit national cost data no later than two months prior to the meeting of the next Working Group, to allow time for the consolidation and validation of such data and issue papers no later than one month prior to the convening of the next Working Group.

IV. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

51. **The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the report of the 2011 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment (A/C.5/65/16) are set out below:**

(a) Approve the new reimbursement rates as listed in annex 1.1 for major equipment; annex 2 for self-sustainment; and annex 5.1 for major medical equipment;

(b) In regard to "special cases" major equipment:

(i) Approve the reimbursement rates for new items and new categories of major equipment in annexes 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4;

(ii) Adopt the addition of a new paragraph to the determination of rates of "special cases";

(c) Approve United Nations' responsibility for the reimbursement, under an LOA, of the cost of ammunition expended for training exercises and the provision of suitable firing ranges for helicopters;

(d) Take note of the definition and reimbursement rates of police armoured protected vehicles and police crowd control vehicles;

(e) Approve the proposed concepts of consumables and excessive costs of using major equipment;

(f) In regard to authorized accommodation to troops provided by the United Nations:

(i) Approve the proposed guidelines for provision of accommodation for aviation unit aircrew;

(ii) Approve the reimbursement of extra and reasonable cost for troop/police-contributing countries due to the required relocation of base camp;

(g) Approve the proposed guidance document on minor engineering tasks under self-sustainment (annex 4);

(h) Approve the requirement for EOD self-sustainment to be reviewed 18 months after forces deploy;

(i) Approve the split and reimbursement rates for laundry and cleaning categories;

(j) In regard to mission factors:

(i) Approve an annual comprehensive review of mission factors within the existing mission factor ceilings;

(ii) Approve the application of different mission factors to different geographic areas within a mission area;

(iii) Approve the obligatory revision of mission factors after a natural disaster;

(k) Approve the incorporation of a recommended list of special equipment for aviation contingents under procedures applicable to special case items;

(l) Approve the revision to high-frequency radio set requirements for air contingents;

(m) Approve the addition of a portable X-ray machine to level II hospitals;

(n) Approve the addition of an ultrasound machine to level II hospitals and CT scanners as special case equipment for level III hospitals;

(o) Approve the addition of orthopaedic, gynaecology and internal medicine modules to level II hospitals as additional capability modules, when required.

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Annex I

Recommendations of the 2011 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment and of the Secretariat

Item	*Action to be undertaken by the General Assembly*	*Secretariat view*
1. Comprehensive review of COE reimbursement rates	Approve the new reimbursement rates as listed in annex 1.1 for major equipment; annex 2 for self-sustainment; and annex 5.1 for medical major equipment	Recommends approval
2. Special cases: (i) new items of major equipment; (ii) reimbursement rates of "special cases"	(i) Approve the reimbursement rates for new items and new categories of major equipment in annexes 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 (ii) Adopt the addition of a new paragraph to the determination of rates of "special cases"	Recommends approval
3. Reimbursement system for air assets including military utility helicopters	Approve United Nations responsibility for reimbursement, under an LOA, of the cost of ammunition expended for training exercises and the provision of suitable firing ranges for helicopters	Recommends approval
4. Introduction of police armoured protected vehicles and police crowd control vehicles	Take note of the definition and reimbursement rates of police armoured protected vehicles and police crowd control vehicles	Recommends approval
5. Concepts of consumables and excessive costs of using major equipment	Approve the proposed concepts of consumables and excessive costs of using major equipment	Recommends approval
6. Authorized accommodation for troops provided by the United Nations: (i) Aviation unit; (ii) Relocation of base camp	(i) Approve the proposed guidelines for provision of accommodation for aviation unit aircrews; (ii) Approve the reimbursement of extra and reasonable cost for troop/police-contributing countries due to the required relocation of base camp	Recommends approval Recommends approval
7. Clarification of minor engineering tasks under self-sustainment	Approve the proposed guidance document on minor engineering tasks under self-sustainment (annex 4)	Recommends approval
8. Requirement for self-sustainment EOD after initial deployment	Approve the requirement for EOD self-sustainment to be reviewed 18 months after forces deploy	Recommends approval
9. Split the laundry and cleaning self-sustainment category	Approve the split and reimbursement rates for the laundry and cleaning category	Recommends approval

Item	*Action to be undertaken by the General Assembly*	*Secretariat view*
10. Review of mission factors	(i) Approve an annual comprehensive review of mission factors within existing mission factor ceilings;	Recommends approval
	(ii) Approve the application of different mission factors to different geographic areas within a mission area;	Recommends approval
	(iii) Approve the obligatory revision of mission factors after a natural disaster	Recommends approval
11. Special equipment for aviation contingents	Approve the incorporation of a recommended list of special equipment for aviation contingents under procedures applicable to special case items	Recommends approval
12. Requirement for high-frequency radio sets for air contingents	Approve the revision to high-frequency radio set requirements for air contingents	Recommends approval
13. Portable X-ray machines in level II hospitals	Approve the addition of a portable X-ray machine to level II hospitals	Recommends approval
14. Ultrasound machines in level II hospitals and CT scanners in level III hospitals	Approve the addition of an ultrasound machine to level II hospitals and CT scanners as special case equipment for level III hospitals	Recommends approval
15. Additional capability modules for level II hospitals	Approve the addition of orthopaedic, gynaecology and internal medicine modules to level II hospitals as additional capability modules, when required	Recommends approval